Consensus on joint operation in naxal States

695. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre is considering to evolve consensus on joint operations in naxal hit States to start implementing the ambitious police modernization plan including separate plan for strengthening of their special branches submitted during 2007;

(b) the steps taken by the Centre to evolve the consensus;

(c) whether Inter-Ministerial group on naxalism met recently to start the implementation of developmental activities in worst naxal hit districts and asked such States to focus on socio-economic development; and

(d) whether the proposal for development of two districts in naxal affected States is successful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Law and order being a State subject, action with respect to various aspects/issues related to naxalite activities lies primarily in the domain of the concerned State Government.

The Central Government, however, supplements the efforts and resources of the State Governments by a variety of measures that include deployment of Central para-military forces which work under the control of the State Government concerned, sanctioning of India Reserve battalions, assistance for strengthening of the State police and Intelligence agencies under the scheme for Modernization of Police Forces, reimbursement of security-related expenditure, assistance in training of State police forces, sharing of Intelligence, facilitating inter-State coordination and assistance in development works through a range of schemes of various ministries.

Taking steps as appropriate and necessary, having regard to the situation obtaining, is a continuous process.

State Governments conduct need-based inter-State joint police operations.

A Task Force under Special Secretary (Internal Security), consisting of officers of intelligence agencies, State police forces and Central para-military forces, deliberates upon the gamut of operational steps needed to deal with the naxalite activities and facilitates coordination between authorities of different States as may be necessary.

Special attention on planning, implementation and monitoring of development schemes is being emphasised for naxalite affected areas.

An Inter Ministerial Group (IMG), under Additional Secretary (Naxal Management), with officers from development ministries and Planning Commission, oversees effective implementation of development schemes in naxalite affected areas for accelerated socio-economic development.

More recruitment of minorities in para-military forces

696. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the Government's efforts to recruit more minorities in the para-military forces;

(b) the total number of minorities that have been so far recruited and what is the total recruitment that will be made from minorities in these forces;

(c) whether para-military forces have also been directed to employ more and more in their respective forces; and

(d) if so, to what extent these para-military forces have implemented the directives of the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Central Police Forces carry out recruitment strictly in accordance with the policy laid down by the Government. Wide publicity is given to the programme of recruitment through Employment News and leading national and local newspapers particularly in the areas of concentration of minorities. One officer belonging to minority community is detailed as a member in the Recruitment Boards. During the last 3 years, 12166 persons belonging to minority communities have been recruited. The CPFs will continue the recruitment process in accordance with the Government policy in future also.

Stampede at CISF recruitment at Jaipur

697. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) had planned a recruitment camp for selection of 400 posts in CISF at Jaipur recently;

(b) whether there was an abnormal turn out of more than 60,000 candidates at the venue resulting in stampede and death of one candidate;

(c) whether CISF officials had sought the help of the local police to control and regulate the crowd;

(d) whether CISF had cancelled the recruitment on the scheduled date; and

(e) if so, whether the applicants/aspirants were notified in advance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Jaipur was one of the our centres for recruitment against 404 vacancies advertised for the post of Followers by CISF.

(b) Two candidates got seriously injured in the unexpected rush, one of whom succumbed to injuries.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Following the incidents on 11.2.2008, recruitment was cancelled. Cancellation was announced and displayed at the venue.

Waiving off outstanding loan of Goa and Daman and Diu

698. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: